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BRYAN HAMILTON



Footballers and football managers spend quite a lot of their time on coaches travelling to and from away matches. The return visit from Turf Moor, Burnley was fantastic, directors, players, staff and the press all buzzing with excitement after our passage to the second round of the league cup.

But the return trip from Scunthorpe was not at all pleasant, unfortunately our performance was sadly lacking. Football is all about players and their attitude towards games. Preparation and training are important but when it comes to match days its down to the 12 players that have been selected. When we faced three tough Irish teams, Chester and Wrexham and Burnley the correct attitude was there but in league games it seems to desert us. I know the ability in this squad of players but without consistency (that only comes through hard work) it

means nothing. The sooner some of my players realise that the better it will be for Tranmere Rovers.

If our league form hasn't given me enough problems then I've had to face a bad injury to one of my "young Rovers". Neville Powell, the young Welshman who has already gained international recognition received the blow of a fractured ankle in training. It was I who gave Neville his chance in the first team last season and having seen this young man over the last months I know he'll soon be knocking on my door asking for another outing.

I don't give accolades out easily, especially at this time but I must say how pleased I've been with the performance of young Dave Burgess. This young man took his chance in the defence at the start of the season and has played with composure in all his games so far. He is learning all the time and I'm sure you'll agree he is an excellent prospect.

Finally on this "derby" day a warm welcome to the directors, players and staff of Wigan Athletic. We look forward to an entertaining game of football.

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Back Row: Clive Evans, Les Bradd, Neil Davids, Graham Barrow, John Brown, Bob Ward, Colin Mathven, Mike Quinn, Peter Houghton, Alex Cribley.

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JOHN BROWN (Goalkeeper) Height 5'11 1/2" Weight 12st 7lbs. Bradford born John was an apprentice joiner before he stepped into League Football with Preston at 17. His progress at Deepdale was hindered by the reliable Eric International, Alan Kelly, and after spending 11 1/2 years with North End, was released in 1975. He had one season with Stockport City before joining Wigan Athletic, for whom he has been a most reliable and efficient keeper at both non-league and Football League levels. Wigan's Player of the Year in 1979-1980. John has over 200 Football League appearances to his credit.

BOB WARD (Goalkeeper) Height 6'1" Weight 12st. As a boy, Bob supported his local side West Bromwich Albion, and after leaving school, he played as an amateur for West Brom, turning professional at 18 and making 15 first team appearances. He later joined Blackpool for a £20,000 fee and made his debut for the Seaside in an F.A. Cup tie at West Brom. He made 41 League appearances for Blackpool before joining Wigan. Made the breakthrough last season to become Wigan's first choice goalkeeper and will shortly register his 100th Football League appearance.

JOHN McMANON (Fullback) Height 5'9" Weight 11st 2lbs. Newly acquired from Crewe Alexandra during the close season, John has already featured prominently in Wigan's pre-season friendly fixtures. His experience gained with Preston North End and other Football League clubs has brought a more professional look to Wigan's back four and his polished skills and keen positional sense have earned the praise of Wigan's critics fans. John has well over 300 Football League appearances to his credit and is expected to be a key figure in the Springfield Park clubs push for promotion.

LARRY LLOYD (Central Defender/Player Manager) Height 6'2" Weight 13 1/2 st. Appointed in the second half of last season as player/manager, this battle hardened English international has already brought a more professional approach to the play of the side under his control. A fierce competitor, with over 400 Football League games to his credit, and a wealth of experience acquired with Bristol Rovers, Liverpool, Coventry City and Nottingham Forest, Larry Lloyd expects great things this year. Certainly, he will produce a side that will be hard to beat and may achieve the promotion so earnestly longed for.

COLIN MATHEN (Central Defender) Height 6'1" Weight 12st. 4lbs. Manager Ian McNeill's deep knowledge of Scottish Football enabled him to search out this strong and positive player who became Wigan's record signing at a fee of £30,000 from East Fife in October, 1979. It was soon obvious that the money had been well spent, for Colin, good in the air and strong in the tackle, soon took over as Captain of the Wigan side and led his men to glory in Wigan's great F.A. Cup run, Season 1979-1980. Another key figure in Wigan's defensive organisation, Mathen looks forward eagerly to a promotion changing year ahead. Now over 200 competitive games at English and Scottish Football League level.

NEIL DAVIDS (Defender) Height 6'0" Weight 12st. 9lbs. Originating from Shipley, near Bradford, Neil played for Yorkshire Schools at right-back before joining Leeds United. The highlight of his five years at Elland Road was scoring the winning goal for England's Youth Team against Wales, but he did not make his league debut until he joined Norwich City. After two years at Carrow Road, and loan spells with Northampton Town and Stockport County, he joined Swansea City. However, this strong, aggressive defender never settled in Wales and joined Wigan before the start of their first year in League Football. Neil did not make an immediate impact at Springfield Park, but his positive style of play endeared him to the local fans and it was no surprise when the popular Yorkshireman made a first team spot his own. Suffered a bad injury last season, but now recovered and challenging for a first team place again.

STEVE McADAM (Fullback) Height 5'11 1/2" Weight 11st. 2lbs. Joined Wigan Athletic early in the 1980-1981 season after gaining experience with Burnley Football Club. After a shaky start, Steve settled down and made almost 30 appearances in Wigan Athletic colours, impressing with his cool temperament and thoughtful play. Has suffered a back injury, but is not expected to be out of the action long.

ALEX CRIDLEY (Midfield) Height 5'11" Weight 12st 9lbs. After considerable Central League experience, with Liverpool Football Club, Alex joined Wigan Athletic at the end of October, 1980, and then proceeded to play every game through to the end of the season.

A determined customer, who is equally at home in the Back Four as he is in midfield. Very popular with the Wigan fans, who appreciate the fact that he always gives 100 per cent effort.

KEVIN LANGLEY (Midfield) Height 6'1" Weight 9st. A young player who joined Wigan as an apprentice, having been released by Preston North End after trials. His form in the pre-season games has been a revelation, and the quality of his play against such well organised sides as Walsall and Sheffield Wednesday have put him in contention for early promotion to the first team.

CLIVE EVANS (Midfield) Height 5'10" Weight 10st 9lbs. Joined Wigan in the close-season from Tranmere Rovers for a sizeable fee, having already completed over 150 Football League appearances and scored over 30 goals for the Rovers. He has shown promise in the pre-season games and is likely to be a key figure in Larry Lloyd's re-organised team structure. A precise and cultured player.

GRAHAM BARROW (Midfield) Height 6'2" Weight 13st. Another close-season signing from Alliance Premier League side, Altrincham. A strong, aggressive player, who, once he adjusts to the demands of first time football, should prove an asset as Wigan Athletic set their stall out to gain promotion.

KEVIN SHELDON (Winger) Height 5'5 1/2" Weight 9st 4lbs. Signed from Stoke City during the summer, Kevin, a natural winger, is expected to give the Wigan Athletic side width in attack and a good supply of crosses for the team's strike force. Tricky and brave, this young player is anxious to give his career a boost, after recovering from a series of setbacks, in the last season, by firing his way with "The Potters". Warmly welcomed by the Springfield Park spectators.

DAVID GLENN (Winger) Height 5'9" Weight 10st 10lbs. Wigan Athletic's first apprentice after their elevation to the Football League, local boy David has been the revelation of the pre-season games. Not only has this talented youngster performed well in his customary wing role, but he has also turned in excellent performances in the left-back position against both Walsall and Sheffield Wednesday. More will be heard of this promising player in the months ahead.

MIKE QUINN (Forward) Height 5'10" Weight 12st. After battling his way through from the Wigan Athletic Youth XI and the Reserves, Mike made his mark as the Club's leading goalscorer in the 1980-1981 Football League campaign. He has gone from strength to strength in the pre-season games, notching double figures against a variety of opposition from non-league to Football League Division 1 levels. If he can maintain momentum, this strong, bustling youngster is sure to attract the interest of clubs higher up the Football League scale in the months ahead.

LESS BRADD (Forward) Height 6'1" Weight 13st 3lbs. A player of vast experience, with over 500 Football League appearances and more than 150 goals, Les is expected to bring all his knowledge acquired at Rotherham United, Notts. County and Stockport County to the Wigan Athletic attack. Capable also of quality performances at the back of the defence, this seasoned player could prove to be the shrewdest of manager Larry Lloyd's close-season signings. He is expected to bring the best out of the young players around him.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward) Height 5'11" Weight 12st. 7lbs. After serving a great deal of promise in Wigan Athletic's first two seasons in League Football, Peter struggled last year against a series of nagging injuries and inconstant form. However, towards the end of last year's campaign he began to hit something near his top form, his goal touch returned, and, supported by Quinn and Bradd, he should be back among the goals again this season. On his day, a really exciting attacker.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfield) Height 5'11" Weight 11st. 7lbs. This hard working and skilful midfield player has appeared more times for Wigan Athletic as a Football League player than any other player currently on the books of the club. Although he has been unable to continue his long run of appearances at the start of the season, it is anticipated that, before long, he will be back in contention for a place in the side. Has served Wigan Athletic well both at non-league and Football League levels.

In Charge Today

ALAN SEVILLE (Birmingham)

Mr. Seville is a married man with three children, and works as a Toolmaker. His main interest apart from football - is Crown Green Bowling.

Alan has been refereeing for almost 20 years and progressed to the Football League list via the Birmingham Works A.F.A. and West Midlands Leagues.

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NEWS DESK

Even though I expect that reference will have been made in other columns in this programme to the defeat of Burnley in the League Cup, I do feel that I, as an ex Burnley player and Commercial Manager, say how delighted I was to see a team with many class players like Martin Dobson, Billy Hamilton, Tommy Cassidy and others - annihilated by Bryan Hamilton's team of battlers. To anyone who wasn't there, the 3-3 scoreline at Turf Moor can be misleading because in present day football one would have expected Burnley, being 4-2 on the first leg, to come out and attack. But two Rovers' goals in the first five minutes were scored, with the home team still on a 4-4-2 formation.

Rovers' three goals all came at a good time for us, whilst Burnley's goal came without ever, at any time, threatening Rovers' passage to the next round.

We saw in the programme for the Hereford game, that the second leg at Turf Moor could be 'another great game' - IT WAS!

NEXT ROUND - Wednesday of last week was speculation day as to who we wanted - or which team we may be drawn with - for the next round. Manchester United, Liverpool, Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday were a few that were named, but only our Chairman Mr. Thomas thought it would be Port Vale for the third time in successive years - and as you are aware, he was right!

The two legs are to be played on Mondays, the first at Prenton Park on 5th October, and the second leg on 26th October, - both kick-off at 7.30 p.m.

If the lads can turn on another two performances like those against the Clarets we must have another chance to speculate who we want in Round Three.

PERSONALITIES

Coming to Prenton Park on Thursday, 1st October, is Mr. Peter Swales, Chairman of Manchester City Football Club. Mr. Swales is NOT coming to spend a Million pounds on a Rovers player, but to entertain the dinner guests in the Vice Presidents Lounge. Backing Mr. Swales are the ever popular Eddie Hemmings from Radio Merseyside and Mike Kelly from the Comedians. Good food and good entertainment are the foundations for these very successful celebrity dinners. Other big names coming to Prenton Park include Jimmy Hill, David Lloyd, Canon Reg. Smith and Peter Maloney.

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TOM 'PONGO' WARING

One of the most successful and most colourful strikers of all time 'Pongo' Waring began and ended his league career with us. He exemplified the basic qualities of any outstanding striker in being hungry for goals and being able both to give and take knocks.

In his schoolboy days he played mainly on the right flank and before joining us he once scored 11 goals in one game. After leaving school he worked for a time in a tannery and as a young teenager he sold chocolate around the ground at one stage. During this time he was playing for a local team Tranmere Celtic and was signed by us at a time when we were looking for a replacement for 'Dixie' Dean, who had just moved to Everton.

And how well 'Pongo' filled the bill with a remarkable 22 goals in 24 games in 1927/8 as we challenged for promotion from Division Three (North). Before the end of that season, however, Aston Villa stepped in to sign him for the large fee for those days of £4,700. He was an immediate success in Division One too with seven goals in the last couple of months of that season.

It was only the brilliance of 'Dixie' Dean and later Middlesbrough's George Camsell that kept him out of the England team, but he finally broke through in 1930/1. That was the season in which he netted 49 goals in 39 games for Villa and made his England debut against France in Paris. We lost 5-2 but 'Pongo' got one of the goals.

In the following season he netted twice in a 6-2 win over Ireland and opened the scoring in a 3-0 win over Scotland at Wembley. Yet sadly this proved to be his last international appearance.

After netting 156 goals for Villa in just over 8 years he moved to Barnsley in November 1935 and then on to Wolves in the following summer. He was still able to score goals at the highest level but was not quite the power he had been and when he lost his place in Wolves First Division side we stepped in to re-sign him midway through 1936/7.

He gave us two more seasons' good service and 49 goals in 74 games before moving to Accrington in the last post war season. By the time the Second World War ended his league career he had netted 245 goals in 362 games. Sadly Tom died a couple of years ago, but those who saw him in his playing days will never forget this great character and prolific goalscorer.

by Geoff Allman

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	W9	D11	L18	For 51	Against 61	Pts 29	
Aug	30	Crewe		A 2-0	Jan	1	New Brighton
Sept	1	Rotherham		A 0-2		10	Walsall
	8	Durham City		H 1-1		17	Doncaster
	13	Doncaster		A 0-2		24	Southport
	20	Southport		H 1-0		31	Ashington
Oct	27	Ashington		A 0-1	Feb	7	Nelson
	2	Walsall		H 0-1		14	Barrow
	4	Nelson		A 1-1		21	Lincoln
	11	Barrow		H 2-0		28	Hartlepool
	18	Lincoln		A 2-3	Mar	4	Bradford
	25	Hartlepool		H 4-3		7	Rochdale
Nov.	1	Rochdale		A 1-2		14	Darlington
	8	Darlington		H 0-1		18	Durham City
	22	Wrexham		H 2-0		21	Bradford
Dec	6	Chesterfield		H 5-1		28	Wrexham
	26	Halifax		A 3-1	April	4	Rotherham
	27	New Brighton		A 0-1		10	Grimby
		Crewe Alex.		H 2-2		11	Chesterfield
F.A. CUP						13	Grimby
Nov.	15	4th Q.Rd. Crewe		H 1-1		14	Wigan Borough
	19	Replay Crewe		A 2-0		22	Accrington
	29	5th Q.Rd. Southport		H 1-1		28	Accrington
		Replay Southport		A 0-1	May	25	Halifax
						2	Wigan Borough

APPEARANCES

Birtles D.	10	Griffiths J.	8	Naylor T.	4
Briggs A.L.	28	Halstead F.D.	36	Rimmer E.J.	16
Brown J.	19	Jackson G.	28	Rothwell P.J.	5
Campbell J.H.	14	Jackson J.R.	6	Rutte E.L.	14
Cartman H.R.	41	Jeffs A.S.	15	Sayer S.C.	30
Checkland F.J.	14	Lewis J.	10	Smith G.	41
Crewe W.	19	Littlehales H.	20	Stuart T.A.M.	12
Dean W.R.	27	Mitchell F.W.	14		
Fogg W.H.	17	Moreton J.J.	10		

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Rovers new young goalkeeper Scott Enderby pictured during his football league debut against Hereford. Scott made a "wonderful save" in that match and anyone who travelled to Burnley for the 2nd leg of the league cup would have seen him make two other fantastic saves.



game against Hereford. Four budding Sebastian Coe's raced
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T.V. GUEST SPOT



Heard the one about a world class goalkeeper playing for Crewe Reserves? I certainly thought it was a joke when Crewe's former manager, Tony Waddington made that claim 18 months ago.

The man he was referring to, and predicting a great future for, was Bruce Grobbelaar, whose wonderful agility is destined to become a spectacular feature of Liverpool's season. Back in 1979, Bruce, who comes from Zimbabwe, couldn't obtain a work permit in this country. Consequently he was forced to play as amateur for Crewe reserves. From there he went to play for Vancouver Whitecaps in the N.A.S.L. and onto Liverpool where he succeeded Ray Clemence at the beginning of the season. "He's more of a Shilton than a Clemence", says Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager. "He's a tremendous athlete, slightly unconventional in style, but a great prospect nonetheless. I underline the word prospect because he's not in Clemence's class yet. That only comes with experience".

Grobbelaar's outgoing personality has made him a great favourite with all his new colleagues. And it's added a new edge to shooting practice down at Liverpool's training ground, Melwood. "He's so keen," says Paisley. "They all want to put the ball past him in training. The atmosphere is just like a match itself. And I'm not complaining", he added with an understandable grin. But, according to Paisley, his enthusiasm does have its drawbacks. "Every now and again Bruce does something right out of the ordinary, like a somersault. And that's not a good thing for someone who plays in his position. It breaks the concentration which is so important for goalkeepers".

Another player destined to make quite a name for himself this season is Burnley's young defender, Michael Phelan. Preston's assistant manager, Ken Shillitto, was quick to point out the lad's potential recently. Granada's sports team were told two years ago when Phelan signed professional forms and we've been monitoring his progress ever since. You'll see the results shortly in a fascinating film about two rising stars. The other is Oldham's Darron McDonaugh.

Pointing out Burnley's long tradition of producing home-grown players is one of the ways chief scout Gordon Clayton persuades talented youngsters to join the Turf Moor Club. And according to Clayton, there's no shortage of prospects at the moment. Asked to name one he came up with the name of Trevor Steven. One for the future at Burnley who might come into the reckoning for first team consideration this season.

What a world of difference exists at present between the top and bottom of the Football League. Among the elite money is changing hands irresponsibly and if persistent rumour is to be believed, at times illegally. I won't name name because reliable information is one thing, documented proof another. But make no mistake, football has its mercenaries and one day, hopefully soon, their corruptive practices will be exposed.

At the other end of the financial scale are clubs like Tranmere Rovers. They are in a desperate state. Commandably, though, all concerned are pulling together and fighting to survive. Every penny has to be accounted for; corners are cut wherever possible and discussions about future policies have already included a suggestion that part-time football could be the answer. Watching games at Prenton Park these days is a strange experience. Three sides of the ground have been closed down. Consequently, all the supporters (about 1500 on average) are situated in and below the main stand.

Such measures would not have been necessary had the club been allowed to sell its car park for the development of a supermarket. When those plans were rejected by the local council near the end of last season, liquidation seemed impossible to avoid. People on Merseyside, though, don't give up that easily. Mind you, it helps if the bank manager is sympathetic.

North Wales referee, Gwyn Owen, spent an interesting summer in the United States. Gwyn refereed 18 North American League games in six weeks, during which time he came across some familiar names. One who really impressed him was George Best. "He seems to have lost none of his appetite for the game" said Gwyn, confirming that the super-skill goal from Best which we showed on Kick Off at the start of the season was no exception. Gwyn saw that goal on television, a magnificent solo tease of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers defence ending with Best netting for San Jose Earthquakes. "It was typical of the lad's skill" praised Gwyn. "But George is still not averse to saying the odd word out of place to referees. He called me a right so-and-so during the game I refreed - and got booked".

As we keep saying some things never change!

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Wigan 1 (Quinn, M) Tranmere Rovers 1 (Lumby)

Teams for last game here, March 29, 1981:

TRANMERE: Johnson, Hamilton, Flood, Bramhall, Parry (Griffiths), Evans, Peplow, Mungall, Beamish, Kerr, Kelly.

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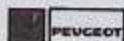
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1981	Gate
AUG	
Sat. 25 York City.....	0-2 1,685

SEPT.		
Tues. 1	Burnley LC 1-1st leg.....	4-2 2,034
Fri. 4	Colchester United.....	4-0 2,474
Sat. 12	Hereford United.....	0-0 1,414
Tues. 15	Burnley LC 1-2nd leg.....	3-3 2,363
Sat. 19	Scunthorpe United.....	1-2
Tues. 22	Halifax Town.....	A
Sat. 26	Wigan Athletic.....	H
Tues. 29	Darlington.....	H

OCT.		
Sat. 3	Hull City.....	A
Mon. 5	Port Vale LC 2-1st leg.....	H
Sat. 10	Bury.....	H
Sat. 17	Torquay United 7.30.....	A
Tues. 20	Hartlepool United.....	H
Sat. 24	Northampton Town.....	A
Mon. 26	Port Vale LC 2-2nd leg.....	A
Sat. 31	A.F.C. Bournemouth.....	H

NOV.		
Tues. 3	Rochdale.....	A
Sat. 7	Sheffield United.....	A
Wed. 11	League Cup 3	
Sat. 14	Bradford City.....	H
Sat. 21	F.A. Cup 1	
Sat. 28	Aldershot.....	A

DEC.		
Wed. 2	League Cup 4	
Sat. 5	Mansfield Town.....	H
Sat. 12	F.A. Cup 2	
Fri. 18	Peterborough United.....	H
Sat. 26	Blackpool.....	A
Mon. 28	Crewe Alexandra.....	H

1982	
JAN.	
Sat. 2 Port Vale (F.A.3).....	A
Sat. 9 Colchester United.....	H
Wed. 13 League Cup 5.....	
Fri. 15 Stockport County.....	A
Sat. 23 York City (F.A.4).....	A
Sat. 30 Scunthorpe United.....	H

FEB.		
Wed. 3	League Cup S.F.1	
Sat. 6	Hereford United	A
Tues. 9	Halifax Town	H
Sat. 13	Hull City	H
Sat. 20	Wigan Athletic	A
Sat. 27	Bury	A

MAR.		
Sat. 6	Torquay United.....	H
Wed. 10	Hartlepool United.....	A
Sat. 13	Northampton T. (LC F).....	H
Tues. 16	Rochdale.....	H
Sat. 20	A.F.C. Bournemouth.....	A
Sat. 27	Sheffield United.....	H

APRIL		
Sat. 3	Bradford City	A
Sat. 10	Blackpool	H
Mon. 12	Crewe Alexandra	A
Sat. 17	Mansfield Town	A
Sat. 24	Aldershot	H

MAY		
Sat. 1	Darlington.....	A
Tues. 4	Stockport County.....	H
Sat. 8	Port Vale.....	H
Sat. 15	Peterborough United.....	A
Sat. 22	F.A. Cup Final.....	

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Bournemouth.....	4	2	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	10
Colchester.....	4	2	0	0	7	0	1	0	1	3	2	9	
Torquay.....	4	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	9
Blackpool.....	4	2	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	3	3	8	
Bradford City.....	4	1	1	0	9	5	1	0	1	3	3	7	
Peterborough.....	4	2	0	0	6	1	0	1	1	1	1	4	7
Bury.....	4	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	1	4	7
Aldershot.....	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	5	6	7	
Hull City.....	4	2	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	2	3	7	
Sheffield Utd.....	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	2	2	7	
Stockport.....	4	2	0	0	7	2	0	0	2	0	4	6	
Port Vale.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	6	
Hartlepool.....	4	1	0	1	3	4	1	0	1	3	3	6	
York.....	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	1	4	6	6	
Hereford.....	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	2	2	5	
Scunthorpe.....	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	1	1	2	5	
Wigan Ath.....	4	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	4	5	4	
Darlington.....	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	2	3	
Halifax.....	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	3	3	
Rochdale.....	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	8	3	
Mansfield.....	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	
Northampton.....	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	5	2	
Tranmere.....	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	6	1	
Crewe.....	4	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	2	0	7	0	



With the Reserves

ROCHDALE RES. 2 RESERVES 2 (12 September 1981). The Reserves young side lost their first point of the season to the more experienced Rochdale.

Roy Vernon gave Rovers an early lead when he headed home a Bernie Holmes cross in the 5th minute. It took Rochdale another 35 minutes before their efforts were rewarded with the equaliser. Weir's low drive rebounded off Andy Brown's head into the net.

Rovers had more chances after the interval but were set back when the home side took the lead in 65 minutes. Thomas, on the left sent the ball over perfectly for Hamilton to meet it with his head.

With 26 minutes remaining Derek Mountfield rushed in to score the equaliser from a Holmes corner.

Rovers could well have won the match with Mark Ferguson and Ray Woods both hitting the woodwork. TEAM: ADKINS, ROBERTS, BROWN, MOUNTFIELD, EDWARDS, WOODS, MATHIAS, NUGENT, FERGUSON, VERNON, HOLMES. Subs: WAKEFIELD, JONES.

Peter Farrell



Reserves Fixtures

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1981			1982		
Aug	22	ALTRINCHAM RES. H 11.00	Jan	2	OLDHAM ATH. RES. H 11.00
	23	Barnow Reserves A 2.30		9	Altrincham Reserves A 2.30
Sept	5	LIVERPOOL 'A' H 11.00		16	CHESTER 'A' H 11.00
	12	Rochdale Res. A 2.30		23	WIGAN ATH. RES. H 11.00
	19	STOCKPORT CO. 'A' H 11.00		30	Liverpool 'A' A 11.00
	26	—		6	MORCOMBE RES. H 2.30
Oct	3	Everton 'A' A 11.00	Feb	13	Chester 'A' A 11.00
	10	Bolton Wand. A 11.00		20	CHORLEY RES. H
	17	EVERTON 'A' H 11.00		27	Port Vale Res. A 11.00
	24	MANCHESTER U. 'A' H 11.00		6	—
	31	Wrexham 'A' A 11.00	Mar	13	Manchester U. A 11.00
Nov	7	—		20	—
	14	—		27	Wigan Ath. Res. A 2.30
	21	Morcombe Res. A 2.30		3	WREXHAM 'A' H 11.00
	28	PORT VALE RES. H 11.00	Apr	10	—
	5	—	Easter	17	CARLISLE UTD. RES. H 2.30
Dec	12	Oldham Ath. Res. A 2.30		24	Chorley Res. A 11.00
	19	Stockport Co. 'A' A 2.30		31	BOLTON WAND. 'A' H 11.00
	26	—	May	7	Carlisle Utd. Res. A 7.30
	28	—		14	BARNOW RES. H 2.30
	28	—		15	ROCHDALE RES. H 11.00

Home games to be played at the Oval, Delington.

Who played where...when...

Saturday 12th Sept. 1981 Division 4 TRANMERE 0 HEREFORD UTD 0

Rovers: Endersby, Mungall, Burgess, Bramhall, Parry, Williams, Craven, Hutchinson, Kerr, Brown, Griffiths Sub 65 mins Hamilton.

Tuesday 15th September 1981 Football League Cup (1st round 2nd leg) BURNLEY 3 TRANMERE 3

(Aggregate Score Rovers 7 Burnley 5)
Rovers: Endersby, Mungall, Burgess, Bramhall, Parry, Williams, Kelly, Hutchinson, Kerr, Brown, Griffiths Sub 45 mins Craven.

Saturday 19th Sept. 1981 Division 4 SCUNTHORPE UTD 2 TRANMERE 1

Rovers: Endersby, Parry, Burgess, Mountfield, Bramhall, Williams, Kelly, Mungall, Kerr, Brown, Griffiths Sub 65 mins Craven.

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